

I would like to go on record in order to urge Mr. Powell to postpone the upcoming vote on media consolidation. This is a decision that will have a profound effect on the very functioning of our democracy. Considering the ramifications of this vote, I find the lack of formal public debate on the proposed changes perplexing. Strangely enough, there has been precious little attention to this issue in the media. Perhaps public debate sponsored by the FCC will help to at least inform the public if not provide them an effective voice. There are many Americans who have managed to become informed of these potential broadcast ownership changes and there are also many who are intelligent enough to understand their consequences. They aren't in a fog like some. They know that the corporations have had their say - now they'd like their own.